

# News notes

## 'Panthers' to roar at tattoo

The 494th Fighter Squadron competes in the annual Fairford Airshow and Royal International Air Tattoo July 18, 19 and 20 at RAF Fairford.

The Panthers will send two F-15 Strike Eagles to the air show which hosts three different events in one: Fighter 97, Tiger 97 and the England's tribute to the U.S. Air Force 50th anniversary. The Fighter 97 event July 18 includes ground competitions, static displays, a virtual reality flight competition and symposiums. The Tiger 97 meet, also July 18, is a NATO sponsored gathering of flying squadrons with cats included within their official emblems. The AF 50th Anniversary tribute is Saturday and Sunday and includes flybys and aerial demonstrations.

The airshow is open to the public and free for all military identification card holders. The cost is £20 for non-identification card holders.

## Air Force PERSTEMPO plans

PERSTEMPO is the amount of time Air Force personnel are away from home. Gen. Ronald Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff, established a goal that no one should be away from their home duty station more than 120 days a year.

Last year, only around 3 percent of the force was deployed more than 120 days, according to personnel officials.

Reducing PERSTEMPO continues to

be a major interest item for the Air Force. The following are some ideas being considered by Air Force leadership:

- ❑ Post deployment stand-downs for units and individuals returning from deployments;
- ❑ Reduced or combined inspections and exercises;
- ❑ Priority medical care for families of deployed members;
- ❑ Improved communications between deployed members and their families through morale phone calls and video links; and
- ❑ Ombudsman Program to provide support to families of deployed members (program is entering test phase in mid-July for six months at six bases).

## Road works

People will experience delays and road congestion on the A1101 due to a road maintenance project. The work is at several locations between the A11 fiveways roundabout and Kenny Hill and is expected to last approximately 12 weeks. Drivers are advised to take other routes to avoid the road work.

## Sports day, picnic

The 48th Medical Group's annual sports day and picnic is July 25. Only emergency medical care is provided that day. For more information, call Ext. 3227.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

## From there to here, air to air

An F-16 Falcon gets its final pre-flight check before take-off here Wednesday. The aircraft was one of five F-16 Falcons from the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy, ending their week of aircraft combat training here today.

# Liberty Warrior

'Can do' person of the week



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

## SSgt. Anton Peterson

### 493rd Fighter Squadron

**Hometown:** Albuquerque, N.M.

**Time in service:** 10 years, three months

**Time on station:** Three years, two months

**Role in mission:** NCOIC physical exams and standards/squadron medical element for the 493rd Fighter Squadron.

**Favorite book:** The Count of Monte Cristo

**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I ensure that the most fit and vital force is available at all times by applying medical standards.

**What advantages are there to being stationed here?** Traveling. Interacting with a different culture.

**What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career?** Traveling to Lithuania as a member of a traveling contact team in cooperation with the military-to-military contact program and being allowed to assist a former Soviet Bloc country create their air force medical service.

**What is your philosophy of life and why?** Live for today. If you're too cautious you will miss out on once in a lifetime opportunities.

**How do you think core values can be better applied in the Air Force?** Place more emphasis on "service before self" at basic training as well as at the airman's first duty station.